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AS TO PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONS

S. V. Peet Sees Only Unnecessary Expense and Graft as Probable Results.

DISCUSSES QUESTION FROM PUBLIC VIEWPOINT

Side Lights Thrown on Recent Telephone Fight in Salt Lake County and People's Remedy Shown.

Editor Iron County Record:—In your paper of April 14th is an article by Mr. J. S. Woodbury urging the public utility commission for Utah. Now why should Iron or any other outlying counties desire a public utility commission when they have no public utility to regulate? Why increase the taxes of Iron and other counties to pay the expense of such a hampering piece of "political machinery"? In many of the states the Utility Commission costs over one hundred thousand dollars per year and if Utah has one it should be one of the best. Ninety five per cent of Utah's Public Utilities are in Utah, Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, Box Elder, and Cache Counties. Now why does Mr. Woodbury desire to increase Iron County's taxes to regulate the public utilities of the above counties? Senator Seegmiller, Senator Lunt, Representative Day of Iron and Washington Counties and many others, saw that it would increase the taxes of their counties without bringing in any returns, so they justly and properly voted against such a commission. Salt Lake County knows what it wants, and on the 26th of this month the Commissioners of this county established a County Public Utility Commission to attend to their own business in their own county, without asking Iron, San Juan, or any other of the outside counties to please help them.

Box Elder County Solved it. Just a few years ago the telephone company raised the rates in Box Elder County. A remonstrance was sent to the company to restore the old rates but without avail. Mr. John Summers of Tremonton and a few other hustling farmers of that county, got together and organized the Bear River Valley Telephone Company. The first year that company did a good business, rates in the country districts were one dollar and seventy five cents per month for phones. In the towns, two dollars per month, including business phones, all unlimited services. Many of the subscribers were stockholders in the company. Each year the Bear River Valley Company extended its service and to-day it extends from Beaver Dam on the east to Snowville on the west, and from Corrinne on the south to Black Pine, Idaho, on the north-west and Pocatello valley, Idaho, on the north. The Bear River Valley Telephone Company is not only rendering cheap and efficient service but what profits accrue do not go to a foreign company, but into the pockets of the farmers who financed it.

What Public Utilities Dreads. What any public utility mostly dreads is competition by the people who patronize it. The fight just won by the people of Salt Lake County over the Mountain States Telegraph and Telephone Company, is the best evidence in the world that Utah does not want a public utility commission. At the mass meeting held at Murray a few days ago diplomacy and argument were thrown to the winds. The people said we want good service, two dollars flat rates per month and free service to Salt Lake City. The Telephone Company said it could not give such service to Salt Lake free and stuck to it until the people at the meeting said all right, you take out your phones and we will organize a company of our own. That was a sixteen inch shell exploded in the Telephone Company's camp. It gave the management of that company the "Blind staggers" and they gave in at once, and said we will serve the DEAR people at the same old rate, not charge for the time the phones have been disconnected, put the phones back free and do it immediately. If the Mountain States Telephone Company ever prayed for anything during the past three weeks it was for the Public Utility Commission. The telephone company knew that a utility commission could and would not organize a competing company. It would have had only three men to deal with in a "Diplomatic" manner instead of twelve hundred people and half of that number irate women.

What Might be Done. With a public utility commission the Telephone Company might have ordered a large and commodious automobile and with their shrewd lawyers as a guide would have invited the commissioners to view the grounds. In that automobile would have been a case of "Fishers American Beauty" on ice, a dozen or so "Sunny Brook Ponies" bottled in bond and two or three boxes of "Royal Havana Fillers." They would have been introduced to half a dozen "fixed" subscribers in and around Murray who really desired to pay tolls to Salt Lake because of

IRON COUNTY IS RICH IN POTASH

Gigantic Ledges Carrying High Values Discovered in Hills Adjacent to Parowan.

MILES OF COUNTRY NOW STAKED OFF

Ledge Varying in Thickness From 12 to 600 Feet, Extends Along Hills for Many Miles.

Without doubt the biggest mining excitement Iron County has experienced since the discovery of oil in the vicinity of Virgin City, resulted this week when it was learned that extensive and high grade deposits of potassium chloride had been discovered and were being located in the mountains adjacent to Parowan.

It later developed that a number of Cedar City people have been working away quietly for several weeks past, and had a man in the hills locating the best of the ground for them, and nothing was known or thought of the maneuvers until the unusual numbers of location notices begun to find their way into the office of the County Recorder, when the excitement broke out. In the mean time, tests have been made, estimates formed of the extent and value of the deposits, and negotiations are even under way for their sale to an outside company.

The names appearing on the most of the location notices are Wm. H. Corry, H. W. Lunt, Gronway Parry, E. M. Corry, and H. H. Lunt. These locations cover a large ledge, varying in thickness from a few feet up to 600 feet in thickness, and extending from Little Creek Canyon on the north to the Summit mountains on the south and is estimated to contain millions of dollars worth of the product at the existing prices.

Mr. Q'Neil has been doing the most of the locating and is also interested in the deposits.

Recent reports from Parowan are to the effect that the people of that place have discovered and located another rich ledge of the valuable substance half a mile or so higher up in the mountains.

If all the reports circulating are entitled to credence, there is no farther necessity of going to Germany for potash, nor for the farms of the eastern states going short of this important mineral salt.

Those who have secured good locations are very jubilant, and feel that a fortune is already within their grasp, and it is now only a question as to which of the expensive makes of cars they will buy.

In the mean time it is said that the hills are full of amateur prospectors, and that the recorder's office is being deluged with location notices.

The values are said to range from 10 to 30 per cent potash, and as the foundation is a soft sandstone, it is said to be only necessary to emerge the material in water, when the potash goes into solution leaving the sand and other waste material.

According to the figures compiled, the average run of the vein is worth \$42 per ton delivered on the railroad at Lunt.

It is predicted that there will be a mining boom within 30 days which will eclipse anything that this section of country has ever known.

would improve the service. They would have returned to Salt Lake in a happy mood, had a plank steak with mushrooms at Hotel Utah and when they adjourned the Commission would have put in the Salt Lake Papers how they had compelled the Telephone Company to spend thousands of dollars to improve its system just for a measly little five cent toll rate to Salt Lake City.

I am not putting this too strongly. I positively know that such methods have been used in other states and they might be used in Utah, if the occasion requires it. The street car companies of Philadelphia Pa., charge five cents straight for a ride on their cars and three cents extra for a transfer which is three cents more than any other city in that state. The people of Philadelphia knew it was a holdup. They held mass meetings and demanded a Public Utility Commission to correct the abuse.

In nineteen hundred and seven the Legislature of Pennsylvania passed a Public Utility bill and appropriated one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for its first years expense and today after eight years time and expense the people of Philadelphia are still paying five cents straight for car fare and three cents extra for transfer, on the same old road and in the same old way.

Yours truly,

V. S. PEET.
Salt Lake City, April 27, 1916.

Presbyterian Mission Services. The usual services will be held next Sunday. The Rev. Wm. Paden, D. D., formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Salt Lake City, will preach at 8:00 o'clock in the library auditorium.

We invite you to leave Dr. Paden

A PROCLAMATION

The City of Cedar, acting together with the Clean-up Campaign Committee, has designated Sunday, May 7th, as the day for opening the Clean-up and Paint-up Campaign.

The program for the two weeks beginning with this date shall be:

Sunday—Special Services in All Churches. Monday and Tuesday—Fire Prevention Days.

Clean basement and attics of rubbish and greasy rags wherever possible.

Wednesday and Thursday—Front Yard Days. Cut lawns, plant flower beds and lawns, clean walks and gutters; exterminate ants.

Friday and Saturday—Vacant Lot Days. Boy Scouts and school children clean vacant lots, removing tin cans, paper and brush. Flow and plant garden spots where possible.

Monday and Tuesday—Back Yard Days. Clean out stables and corrals, repair fences and sheds, screen garbage cans. Put out fly traps. Put on screen doors. Complete various other tasks.

Wednesday and Thursday—Weed and Shale Days. There is no more important work which the campaign could accomplish than to rid the city of the weed pest. Put shale on sidewalks.

Friday and Saturday—Paint Days. Paint up, inside and out, porches, fences, woodwork and porch chairs.

This is an opportunity for every citizen not only to show his personal pride, but also his civic pride. No city is as attractive if it is dirty and littered up. All should be willing to co-operate in cleaning up not only their own premises, but in helping to clean up the premises of others where help is necessary.

Let us all work together to clean up and paint up Cedar City during the next two weeks, and then keep it that way throughout the entire year and for many years to come. Let us make Cedar City not only clean, but beautiful. The result will be a cleaner, healthier, happier and more attractive community.

THOMAS J. JONES,
Mayor of Cedar City.

TEN CLEAN-UP COMMANDMENTS.

- 1.—Remember thy garbage can, to keep it covered.
- 2.—Thou shalt cut the weeds in thy vacant lot, lest it become a hiding place for old tin cans.
- 3.—Thou shalt bear witness against thy neighbor's rubbish heap.
- 4.—Thou shalt clean out the habitation of thy horse.
- 5.—Thou shalt prevent the breeding of the fly, that thy children unto the third and fourth generation need not swat him.
- 6.—Remember thy back yard and alley to keep them clean. Six days shalt thou labor. If yet the task is not accomplished thou couldst do worse than continue on the seventh.
- 7.—Thou shalt cover the air and sunshine.
- 8.—Look not upon milk when it cometh from an unclean dairy.
- 9.—Remember thy Clean-up Day and keep it holy.
- 10.—If thou dost hearken unto these sayings to do them, thou shalt live long in the land, and the "Clean-up" spirit shall last 365 days in the year.

ORGANIZATION FOR CLEAN-UP AND PAINT-UP CAMPAIGN

Cedar City has been divided into twenty-two districts and a committee of three appointed in each to have general supervision of the work of the campaign in their respective districts. It is expected that each committee will stimulate and encourage the citizens of their respective districts to actively participate in the Clean-up and Paint-up work, and also assist in the inspection of premises.

At the end of the first two weeks of the campaign, each district will be inspected and scored and the score published, the cleanest block taking first place.

Following is the list of districts and committees appointed for each:

District No. I.—Northwest of creek—Mrs. Nellie Haight, Mrs. John Spendlove, Daniel Pendleton.

District No. II.—The two half blocks from Mrs. J. G. Webster's to Samuel Mulliner's—Mrs. Lundgren, Mrs. John Holland, Prson Webster.

District No. III.—From Thomas Lawrence's to Mary Gower's street—Thomas Lawrence, Maggie May Bess, Mary Gower.

District No. IV.—Joseph Armstrong, Letitia Smith, Maggie Perkins.

District No. V.—Frank Wood, Mrs. William Sawyer, Mrs. William Smith.

District No. VI.—Richard Williams, Mary Walker, Maria Simkins.

District No. VII.—From John Dutton's to Mrs. Sandin's and all south—Mrs. Elizabeth Ashdown, Jane Pryor, and Heber Perry.

District No. VIII.—William Macfarlane, Emily McConnell, Francell Corry.

District No. IX.—John H. Walker, Mrs. John Nelson, Mrs. Emily Tucker.

District No. X.—From O. P. W. Bergstrom's to the Court House, and all north—George K. Urie, Nancy Walker, Phoebe Bergstrom.

District No. XI.—Rev. S. C. Rice, Mrs. Robert Arthur, Mrs. B. F. Knell.

District No. XII.—John Booth, Mrs. Wm. Corry, Mrs. Wm. P. Hunter.

District No. XIII.—From Main St. over to Mrs. Woodbury's and all south—William Williams, Rachael Bauer, Eliza Parry.

District No. XIV.—Gomer Coslett, Allie Adams, Rebecca Anderson.

District No. XV.—S. B. Jones, Mary E. Perry, Abigail Corry.

District No. XVI.—David Haight, Mrs. Lawrence Bess, Mrs. Mary Ann Corry.

District No. XVII.—Northwest of Albert Gower's corner—Henry Leigh, Blanche Jones, Mrs. Henry Houchen.

District No. XVIII.—Jethro Palmer, Ina Leigh, Ella Thorley.

District No. XIX.—Harry Leigh, Bertha Perry, Carrie Bulloch.

District No. XX.—Virgil Tolstrup, Mrs. Miles Hunter, Mrs. D. C. Urie.

District No. XXI.—All the houses in the third ward of this block—Ed. O.

Higbee, Nellie Pace, Mrs. R. L. Wrigley.

General Clean-up and Paint-up Committee.—J. M. B. Higbee, chairman; Joseph S. Fife, Dewie Thorley, Dr. M. J. Macfarlane, Mrs. L. W. Jones, Mrs. E. H. Ryan, Mrs. Anna Froyd, Mrs. Ann Gardner.

Publicity Committee.—Parley Dalley, Mrs. K. L. Jones, Mrs. Ida Macfarlane, Mrs. Walter Granger, Mrs. Ann Gardner.

Finance Committee.—Dr. M. J. Macfarlane, Mrs. Thomas Thorley, Mrs. John Fuller.

Public Grounds Committee.—J. M. B. Higbee, S. J. Foster, Alex G. Matheson, Rass Macfarlane, Sadie Thorley, Letitia Smith, Bert Wood.

Children's Co-operation Committee.—Jennie Lunt, Hazel Granger, John B. Hight, George Foster.

Women's Organization.—Anna Froyd, Caroline Schoppmann, Elizabeth Haight, Susie Higbee, Ida C. Macfarlane, Blanche Jones.

Business Men's Committee.—John P. Fuller, E. M. Corry, H. P. Pettigrew.

CO-OPERATION—A FABLE.

A mother fly, roosting near a pile of manure, heard the owner of the premises say to his wife, "This is Clean-up Week. Tomorrow I'm going to haul away the old manure pile, rake the yard and burn the rubbish. I'm going to do all in my power to make this a clean, flyless town."

The fly grinned and winked each one of her ten thousand eyes as she said, "I know your next door neighbor, old Skinfint, has no idea of cleaning up. I'll lay my eggs in his manure pile, but some of my children will come over and live with you."

And lo, it was so, and the mother wept and the doctor grew weary in body and sick at heart as he rushed to and fro in his attempt to save the lives of poisoned babies.

Next year another fly heard the owner of the premises say, "This is Clean-up Week. This year we are all working together. Everybody is cleaning up and we are going to have a flyless town."

Mother fly grinned as she saw a new baby in the house and flew over into old Skinfint's yard. She roosted on the barn door for a moment trying to get her bearings. The manure pile was gone and Skinfint was hard at work raking his yard! She cried out in anguish, "My last friend has betrayed me," and then fell over dead. And so, all that summer the babies laughed and grew fat and the mothers smiled, while the doctor spent a month in the hills resting and fishing and saying, "At last my people have learned wisdom."

CLATON S. RICE,
At the request of the Ladies' Union of the Third Ward of this block—Ed. O.

COMMISSIONERS BOOST THE FAIR

County Board Makes Liberal Appropriation, \$400, to Assist the Annual Show.

MONEY NOT TO BE USED FOR SPOTING EVENTS

Commissioners Clear Usual Budget of Business at Their Regular Session Last Monday.

The regular meeting of the County Commissioners was held here last Monday, lasting all day, and a number of matters of business were disposed of.

Commissioners H. W. Lunt, Wm. A. Evans and R. C. Knell, Attorney J. H. Fife and Clerk W. Warner Mitchell were in attendance.

Four hundred dollars was appropriated for the county fair and \$20 was appropriated for traveling expenses for the county fair committee.

Chairman Lunt reported that the matter of a farm demonstrator had been discussed with the A. C. and that they had agreed that a suitable person should be employed, who would spend his time demonstrating in the county under the direction of the B. A. C. in connection with the commissioners; \$500 of his salary to be paid by the county. Work will begin June 1, 1916.

The Enterprise Commercial club was represented at the meeting by a committee, who were here in the interests of the building and repairing of roads in that section of country. The matters introduced by them were deferred until communication could be had with the state road commission.

The plat of the Paragonah town was approved and J. W. Barton, Wm. P. Barton, Jas. J. Jones, Edw. M. Owens and William Edwards were appointed as the first town board.

The County Fair Committee was authorized to arrange for display space at the state fair and for the sending of exhibits from the county fair to the state fair.

Paul Kimball was appointed health officer and registrar of vital statistics for the Stateline precinct.

The road from Bull Flat in the Parowan Canyon to the dipping pens at the head of the Mammoth was designated as a county highway.

The county road supervisor's salary was set at \$3.00 per diem and traveling expenses.

An order for \$575.00 worth of culverts was given Williams Culvert Co. of Woods Cross, Utah. The culverts are to be used on the county roads.

PAROWAN NEWS NOTES.

Miss Bell Benson is home from St. George, having been graduated from the Dixie Academy.

William Hurst, forest ranger, came over from Panguitch Monday to attend to some matters of business.

Caesar Collier is at home again, doing some prospecting in the surrounding canyons.

Supt. J. W. Barton, F. C. VanBuren, principal of the Parowan schools, J. S. Woodbury and Morgan Richards went to Paragonah Monday evening and held a mass meeting for the purpose of discussing the bond election, which will be held next Monday afternoon.

Joseph Fish and family of Snowflake, Arizona, arrived in Parowan Wednesday afternoon, making the trip overland. Mr. Fish is leaving Arizona, and may locate in Utah. Parowan in its early history was his home, at which time he was prominent in religious circles and also held many prominent positions in the business affairs of this then primitive town. He was the first superintendent of the Parowan Co-op. M. & M. Co. and manager of one of the first sawmills. At one time he was also justice of the peace, and was one of our first school teachers. Mr. Fish has many relatives and friends here who welcome him home again.

WARD CHOIRS TO GIVE

ANOTHER GOOD CONCERT

Among other promising and pleasurable attractions offered the public of Cedar City for the near future, is a concert by the tabernacle choir, in the tabernacle next Sunday evening, May 7th, commencing at 8:00 o'clock.

The program will be high class all the way through, and will include the following numbers:

Four selections by the choir. Two selections from ladies' trio. Two piano numbers.

Two pieces by the male quartet. There will be no charge for admission, but there will be a contribution box near the entrance, and all those so disposed will be given an opportunity of contributing something towards the piano fund. But whether you contribute or not you will be made welcome and it is the desire of those in charge that the house be well filled.

A treat is in store for the people of Cedar City in the appearance here tomorrow (Saturday) night at the B. A. C. auditorium of Moron Olsen, the noted reader and impersonator. Do not fail to hear him. Tickets now on sale at the Mercantile Store.

HEADLINES FOR COUNTY FAIR

Special Premiums Announced by Committee for Purpose of Encouraging Farmers.

LIBERAL CASH PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS

Special Encouragement Given to the Raising of Corn, by Dry Land and High Water Methods.

To show their interest in the county fair which will be held in this city next fall, the committee in charge have announced some of the "headliners" for the list of premiums in the Agricultural department, which we append hereto. The complete premium list is to issue early, we are informed, and will undoubtedly be in the hands of the general public early enough to give them an opportunity of shaping their operations in such a way as to successfully compete for the prizes to be given.

The following will serve as a guide until the full premium list issues, and will give an idea of the sort of prizes that can be expected on the exhibits this year:

- Best acre of dry land corn, \$50.00.
- Best acre of corn, raised with high water, \$50.00.
- Best half acre of potatoes, of one variety, \$25.00.
- Best five acres of dry land wheat, \$25.00.
- Best draft colt, (age limit) \$25.00.
- Best beef calf, (age limit) \$25.00.
- Best two pigs, (age limit) \$12.50.
- Best dairy heifer (age limit) \$12.50.

BRANCH A. C. NOTES.

Once again the B. A. C. is victorious in athletics. This time in the district track meet held at St. George last Friday. Our team won a large majority over the representatives of three other schools—Kanab, Murdock and Dixie high schools. This victory entitles our team to go to Salt Lake City for the state meet, where they will stand a good chance of getting first. This will be second big honors for the B. A. C. in athletics this year.

Principal Homer appointed Thursday as the annual clean-up day, and in consideration of the fact that there have already been too many holidays this year, he combined the clean-up day and the "A" day. According to his plan, five boys from each class were chosen to go up on the "A" and white wash it. The rest of the students stayed on the campus and cleaned up the debris that has accumulated the past winter. In the evening, after the work was done, a banquet was served by the girls to all the students and teachers. Afterwards the time was pleasantly spent in dancing.

A very lively and novel party will be given by the Sophomores and Juniors Friday night. Partners were chosen Tuesday after chapel. This was done by bids. The girls each had to look through a curtain in which two small holes were cut. The boys on the opposite side of the curtain bid on the eyes. The highest bidder got the girl. This was continued until all were auctioned off. The party will be given in the auditorium.

On Easter Sunday the Seniors took a trip into the Coal Creek Canyon. The party went in wagons, reaching their destination about noon. A delicious luncheon was eaten by the hungry crowd, who then spent the remainder of the day in roaming around the hills, playing games and visiting the coal mine. In the evening they returned to town, satisfied that they had spent one of the happiest and jolliest days of their school life.

The list of graduates has for some time been posted and all are working hard for the final stretch. The list is as follows: Lucille Adams, Leonard Bowen, Vera Bringham, Clyde Bunker, Orion Jones, Teddy Jones, Martha Lanford, Bert Farnsworth, Beth Hamblin, Lorenzo Griffin, Wilford Griffin, LaMont Hunter, Moroni Urie, Earl Urie, Scott Matheson, Edward Matheson, Nelson Marsden, Caroline Nelson, Dora Perry, Dora Urie, Annie Middleton, Thelma Knell, Vida Prince, Veda Wilkinson, Ruth Higbee, Charles Pratt, Leona Jones, Marion Woolley, Walter Hanson, Mae Lunt, Virgil Tolstrup, Della Corry, Lawrence Esplin, Wanda Tolstrup, Bonner Lambson, Durham Morris, Clair Gardner, Rass Gardner, Myrtle Kelsey, Fernleigh Gardner, Alton Neilson, Arthur Lee, Parson Webster, Edgar Petty, John Hamilton, Pratt Tolstrup.

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